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| 106          | 330      | 206          | 165      | Design filing fee      |          |
| 107          | 510      | 207          | 255      | Plant filing fee       |          |
| 108          | 740      | 208          | 370      | Reissue filing fee     |          |
| 114          | 160      | 214          | 80       | Provisional filing fee |          |

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Total Claims  - 20\*\* =  X  =   
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| 103          | 18       | 203          | 9        | Claims in excess of 20                                     |
| 102          | 84       | 202          | 42       | Independent claims in excess of 3                          |
| 104          | 280      | 204          | 140      | Multiple dependent claim, if not paid                      |
| 109          | 84       | 209          | 42       | ** Reissue independent claims over original patent         |
| 110          | 18       | 210          | 9        | ** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent |

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| 105          | 130      | 205          | 65       | Surcharge - late filing fee or oath                                        |          |
| 127          | 50       | 227          | 25       | Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet                     |          |
| 139          | 130      | 139          | 130      | Non-English specification                                                  |          |
| 147          | 2,520    | 147          | 2,520    | For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination                     |          |
| 112          | 920*     | 112          | 920*     | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action                     |          |
| 113          | 1,840*   | 113          | 1,840*   | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action                        |          |
| 115          | 110      | 215          | 55       | Extension for reply within first month                                     |          |
| 116          | 400      | 216          | 200      | Extension for reply within second month                                    |          |
| 117          | 920      | 217          | 460      | Extension for reply within third month                                     |          |
| 118          | 1,440    | 218          | 720      | Extension for reply within fourth month                                    |          |
| 128          | 1,960    | 228          | 980      | Extension for reply within fifth month                                     |          |
| 119          | 320      | 219          | 160      | Notice of Appeal                                                           |          |
| 120          | 320      | 220          | 160      | Filing a brief in support of an appeal                                     |          |
| 121          | 280      | 221          | 140      | Request for oral hearing                                                   |          |
| 138          | 1,510    | 138          | 1,510    | Petition to institute a public use proceeding                              |          |
| 140          | 110      | 240          | 55       | Petition to revive - unavoidable                                           |          |
| 141          | 1,280    | 241          | 640      | Petition to revive - unintentional                                         |          |
| 142          | 1,280    | 242          | 640      | Utility issue fee (or reissue)                                             |          |
| 143          | 460      | 243          | 230      | Design issue fee                                                           |          |
| 144          | 620      | 244          | 310      | Plant issue fee                                                            |          |
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| 581          | 40       | 581          | 40       | Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) |          |
| 146          | 740      | 246          | 370      | Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))              |          |
| 149          | 740      | 249          | 370      | For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))           |          |
| 179          | 740      | 279          | 370      | Request for Continued Examination (RCE)                                    |          |
| 169          | 900      | 169          | 900      | Request for expedited examination of a design application                  |          |

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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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Date Mailed: 10/05/2001

The required items noted below **SHOULD** be filed along with any items required above. The filing date of this nonprovisional application will be the date of receipt of the items required above.

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$171.
  - \$36 for 4 total claims over 20.
  - \$135 for multiple dependent claim surcharge.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 171.

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